

Local 13 Elects 4 Officers

Nash Local 13 elected four men last week to offices vacated by resignations recently.

Pat Roach, who moved from vice-president to president when that official resigned to take a job outside the plant, said the following won in the elections:

Eric "Swede" Hultberg, vice-president.

Earl "Doc" Watson, financial secretary.

Jim Richards, trustee.

Henry Moss, guide.

**Behind the
Headlines in
Washington**
with
IRVING RICHTER
Intl. Leg. Rep., UAW-CIO

"Planning" and "Freedom"

George Seldes, in his July 16 issue of "In Fact," contributed a real service by exposing all the forces now fighting against the idea of full employment, or jobs for all. Reading through his quotes from Congressmen, from the press, bankers' speeches, radio analysts, etc., you see an almost identical line used by all these propagandists, namely, that if the government helps solve the jobs problem, it is threatening our "freedom." He quotes the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as saying: "... the only way in which we can do it is by abandoning freedom."

Chrysler's economist, Mr. John W. Scoville, has said you can get full employment only by "replacing freedom with communism." The Hearst press and the "Chicago Tribune" have devoted their front pages to horror pictures, showing what jobs for all would do to Americanism.

Strange, isn't it, how big business yells murder when government is used to help the people? But they beg for it to help business! For example, in NRA days there were plans submitted by every industry in America for reviving business, such plans to be enforced by industry and the government. When big business got put back on its feet, it demanded liquidation of NRA.

The government today is asked by business to plan trade and market research for business in the Department of Commerce, to enforce tariffs, to provide subsidies to the shipping, aviation, oil and other industries, to deliver newspapers at a heavy loss, to send gunboats behind the oil investments. But government action to save jobs or create obs is a threat to "freedom."

The fashion in Pullman club cars is to greet the word *planning* with snorts, derision and fear. But every day, lobbyists of the NAM work on the House Ways and Means Committee, to

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THEY WANT JOBS



—Federated Pictures

Speedy reconversion of war plants, smashing of Little Steel formula, higher wages and jobs instead of layoffs — that's what Detroit workers called for in this mass demonstration in Cadillac Square. Pres. R. J. Thomas of UAW-CIO warned against strikes, urging pressure on government to win reconversion demands.

What Are We Saying?

Olds Worker Finds Plenty Of Cigarettes, Sugar, etc.

By V. E. VANDENBURG

An Oldsmobile worker has found where to buy cigarettes—all he wants—and an abundance of steaks, sugar, butter and liquor without points or coupons, besides such other scarce items as automatic shotguns, shells, cotton and woollens, typewriters, etc., and no nonsense about priorities.

Unions Are Sending 72 Boys Camping

Seventy-two sons of Lansing CIO and AFL members will go camping at the Mystic Lake camp of the Y. M. C. A. next week, leaving from the CIO Council hall, 109 E. South St. Tuesday morning, Aug. 7.

They will make the trip by chartered bus and returned Aug. 17.

The period at the camp will be packed with interesting activities for the kids, who are selected and sent from various labor locals in the city, with each local allowed a number of boys based upon its size.

Jerry Kring of Olds Local No. 652, is chairman of the camp committee. Other members include: Clyde Perkins, president of the Ingham County C. I. O. council; Louis Crozier, Nash Local 13; William Watts of Olofsson Tool and Die Local No. 728; William Rioux of Amalgamated Local No. 724; Urshal Hood, Hill-Diesel Local No. 680; Dean Reed, State, County and Municipal Workers Local 276 and 191; Chester Cowan, Fisher Local No. 602, and Ernest Kelso, Reo Local No. 650.

Witnesses of Accident Are Asked to Call

Settlement of a suit arising from a street accident in which a Nash worker was severely injured may depend upon a few of the many witnesses helping out the victim, the Labor News was told this week.

Mrs. Edith Smith, a day shift worker at the Mt. Hope plant, said she had parked her car and was ready to walk across Washington avenue into the plant last December 6, when she was suddenly struck by a car while waiting for an opening in the

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Gibson Gets Washington Appointment

John Gibson, president of the Michigan CIO, has just been appointed to a position in Washington.

He was made specialist assistant to Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, he told a Lansing Labor News representative Tuesday night. He said he would leave by plane early Wednesday morning to take over his new duties.

One of Michigan's ablest labor leaders, Gibson is also not without experience in government, for he has also served as head of the Michigan Department of Labor.

Here's the Staff At Hill Diesel

Following are the officers and staff of the Hill Diesel Local:

Urshal Hood, president; Willis Atkinson, vice-president; Earl McClure, financial secretary; Duane Draper, recording secretary; Clyde Shauver, sgt.-at-arms.

Committeemen: M. S. McClure, Robert Ringer, Art Rademaker, Hood and Atkinson. Executive Board: Charley Wiley, Earl McClure, Fred Gibbons, Ray Songer, Hood and Atkinson.

Chief Stewards: Melvina Stevens, Harry Service, Leon Campbell, William Doster, Byrl Fritz, Anna Robson.

Safety Kids Collect Big Sum at Olds

The Lansing Safety Patrol fund drive has met with remarkable success with the boys at Olds Local No. 652 ringing the bell.

On July 7, boys of the Lansing Safety Patrol "picketed" the Olds plant and collected the amazing sum of \$207.94 in contributions at the gates.

Reports other locals in the units will be forthcoming the following week.

The Bigger They Come



—Federated Pictures

Bigger they come, harder they fall — that's the motto of Lt. Jimmy Trenz, right, former activities director of Local 1227, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, CIO. This picture, from Ontario, Calif. Army paper "Wings," shows Jimmy coaching the big guy for Golden Gloves championship.

Workers Win



—Federated Pictures

The overwhelming victory of the British Labor Party has cheered workers everywhere. TOP: England's new prime minister, Clement R. Attlee. BOTTOM: Winston Churchill, defeated.

Monday Is Tag Day at Nash Plant

The Welfare Committees of various locals have various ways of rebuilding depleted funds. Some have dances, card games, etc. With consent of the membership and the Int. Ex. Bd., it is also possible to make special assessments.

However, this is to announce a Flower Fund Tag Day, sponsored by the Welfare Committee of Nash Local No. 13, which will be Monday, Aug. 6th.

These funds are used for two purposes: to send flowers to union members or members of the immediate family who are in the hospital; and to pay for not over three hours lost time to blood donors who are called out of the shop during working hours.

Just Like Nov. 7, 1944

British Labor Wins Election Campaigning For Jobs, Security

NEW YORK (FP)—It was like the day after Nov. 7, 1944 all over again as U.S. workers joined the rejoicing of the British people at the election victory of the British Labor party, which campaigned on a platform of jobs and security.

The defeat of British reaction "gives greater assurance of an era of peace, harmony and prosperity in the postwar world," Chairman Sidney Hillman of the CIO Political Action Committee said. "The election results in Great Britain must be regarded in their implications as second only to the reelection of Franklin D. Roosevelt in this country last year. They are confirmation that the whole world is moving in the direction of greater democracy."

The Greater New York CIO Council called the victory "a lesson to those forces in America which seem to be ready to trample upon the people's rights."

"The common people of England," it said, "have voted decisively against the British policy which has maintained in power the monarchist and anti-democratic elements now ruling Greece with terror and torture, which has protected and befriended the dictator Franco against the heroic people of Spain, and which even in this hemisphere is the mainstay of fascist Argentina."

Urges Petition to Truman For 20% Wage Increase

Cutbacks, layoffs and loss of overtime pay will lead to an economic crisis unless the national basic pay rate is raised 20 percent, congressmen are being told by Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif.).

He is urging them to sign a petition to President Truman to revise the national wage policy.



Patriotic Cooperation?

Montgomery Ward Again Refuses WLB Orders

WASHINGTON (FP)—Stubborn refusal to obey legal government orders has brought Montgomery Ward & Co. back into the limelight again, this time with issuance of a Natl. War Labor Board order directing it to a hearing Aug. 3 to show cause why it has not complied with WLB directives.

Ward is in non-compliance with the WLB orders in Pueblo, Colo.; Baltimore, Md.; Kansas City, Mo.; Trenton, N. J.; Washington, Pa. and Barre Vt.

Plates for Planes?

Registration Of Aircraft Is Starting

Beginning August 1st Michigan, through its Aeronautics Commission, will start the registration of aircraft within this state.

The aircraft registration law is similar in effect to the automobile license law and applies to all aircraft operated over the lands and waters of the state, with the exception of scheduled airlines, aircraft owned by the Government or States, and non-resident aircraft not engaged in commercial operations within the state.

Non-resident aircraft, used for personal purposes will be permitted to operate within the state for a period of 90 days without registering with the State Aeronautics Commission.

partment Store Employees (CIO) with maintenance of membership, checkoff, wages, vacations and grievance machinery involved.

At Kansas City, Kan., 150 workers are represented by the Retail Clerks Intl. Protective Assn. (AFL) and the WLB has ordered maintenance of membership, checkoff, seniority, and arbitration.

Across the river in Kansas City, Mo., the United Mail Order Warehouse & Retail Employees Union (CIO) represents 225 workers. The issues are practically identical with the neighboring city.

At Pueblo, Colo. and Washington, Pa., the AFL Retail Clerks Union represents 72 and 35 workers respectively. The issues are maintenance of membership, overtime and grievance machinery. At Barre, Vt., there are 32 workers, and at Trenton, N. J., 70, represented by the United Retail, Wholesale & De-

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England's Election

"This Is the Century Of The Common Man"

H. DEAN REED
Lansing PAC Director

With the defeat of Winston Churchill, England ends an era of conservative government. With the election of Clement Attlee, she begins a new era of government, a strongly socialistic one.

What effect, if any, will England's election have on the United States?

It will have a more far-reaching effect here than any other political event since the first Roosevelt landslide. It signifies that the "common people" of the world are on the march. They want and expect certain things from their government.

We must remember that one-third of the people of England lost their homes during this war. Clement Attlee promised these people their homes back, with a garden and a steady job with steady pay.

The labor party pledged itself also to a program of national socialization of heavy industry, mines, transportation and even the socialization of the bank of England, which is today one of the main institutions in the financial world.

The people of England did not believe the Conservative Party would give them these things, which is why Clement Attlee and the Labor Party won.

One thing more we should remember. Of the original big three, Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin, only Stalin remains. President Truman and Mr. Attlee will have to depend on Mr. Stalin for a great deal of what has taken place in the past conferences.

We here in the United States are now the most conservative of the big three. Russia has her communism, England will now have her socialism. Both are leftist governments. You can look for President Truman to listen to liberal advisers more closely, and to steer his course a little left of center.

It begins to look to me that Henry Wallace was correct when he said, "this is the century of the common man."

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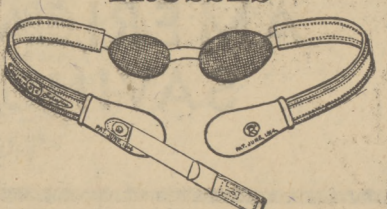
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Unions Show Gerald Smith Not Wanted
LOS ANGELES, Calif. (FP) —Organized labor, AFL and CIO, helped pack Olympic arena here with 12,500 applauding, shouting citizens while another four or five thousand outside vainly tried to get in to show they too did not want professional fascist Gerald L. K. Smith setting up his hate base in Los Angeles. The stop-Smith movement, starting from scratch, mustered more than double the turnout at a rally held by the America First leader himself a few blocks away.

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Always Be Alert, Perkins Advises Labor

By CLYDE E. PERKINS
President Lansing CIO Council
The evident necessity of working people always being alert and taking the initiative whenever possible has been seen time and again during past history.
A recent statement by the new Secretary of Labor, Mr. Schwollenbach, that his department must not play favorites to one group or another proves this point in a fashion possibly hard to see for some hard-shell or narrow minded people.
There is no doubt that such a statement of policy is the very best of democratic idealism possible and harms no one, but is more likely, if strictly followed, to be of benefit to all of labor.
Last week I made the statement that labor is maturing in its thinking and in its actions. I am positive that such is true, but reserve such statement as far as to say that progress is slow and uphill.
Statements such as the Secretary of Labor has made sometimes appear to many of our people as prejudicial to what is termed "our own particular interests as a labor union."
Such a feeling of self-interest does exist and has a definite effect of lessening the effectiveness of programs designed primarily to benefit a certain group or groups but which just as well could be of benefit to all workers if the feeling were dismissed and substituted there for the factual knowledge of right for all or right for a few and be damned, with the rest. All such thinking deserves the alert attention and initiative of workers.
But Secretary Schwollenbach must remember and be reminded that organized labor is and will continue to be one of the spokesmen and champion of workers. It can hardly be otherwise as only through organized functions can the voice actually be heard and their problems and programs be made clear to those who, because of lack of organization have no representative spokesman or other medium through which

they may be heard.
Realizing as well as any that many people do seriously criticize the activities of organized labor, and realizing, too, that others are just as subject to our criticism, it will certainly profit labor generally to keep their thinking as much as humanly possible away from the thought of individual or particular group until and if such thinking is good for the nation's workers or at least is not harmful to them.
I believe such thought is possible. I believe that many of our people are maturing and can and will give leadership of this type. I believe that many who now criticize will begin to have more favorable reaction to labor as we ourselves develop a certain amount of "statesmanship within our own organization."
I believe real honest recognition of labor today as a force for good could be recognized much more if we can develop ourselves in this direction.

New 3rd Shift At Hill Diesel

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Membership Maintenance Is Protected

WASHINGTON (FP) — In a decision of wide importance, the Natl. War Labor Board said federal law is superior to any state constitution or statute that would deny maintenance of union membership clauses in a contract. The WLB acted on a petition from the attorney general of Florida who sought to bar three AFL unions from gaining such protection.

Wallace Urged To Do Something About Jobless

FORT WORTH, Tex. (FP) — Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace was urged by President O. A. Knight of the Oil Workers Intl. Union (CIO) to call a conference of industry and labor leaders to allay the fear of joblessness and depression that is beginning to haunt the homes of millions of American workers.

Washington News

plan tax systems which will make the rich richer, and the poor poorer.
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The fact of the matter is, as Barbara Wootton pointed out in a brilliant book written in London in 1934, under our "free" enterprise system, as it has been operated, "the final upshot may fairly be described as a community more planned against than planning."
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Page Willow Run!
As Rep. Helen Gahagen Douglas (Dem., Calif.) wrote in a message to the Cadillac Square meeting in Detroit on July 24: "The idea of jobs for all is being branded as subversive and un-American. I am one of those who believes unemployment to be un-American, contrary to the very essence of our democratic way of life. The right to a job at decent wages is a basic right of a free people. For that reason I know the American people,

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The point is this: It takes tin to make a "syrette" — and the Japs still hold 90 percent of America's regular source of tin supply.
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Tell it to an American fighting man crouched somewhere in a fox-hole — eating his rations from a tin container!
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Cooperation Pays



—Federated Pictures

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Fashion Heads For Fall



Berets reach a new high in the Patton gold velvet which CBS actress Mary ("A Woman's Life") Patton selected from Sally Victor's advance collection of autumn originals. Characteristic of the "round" mood in this designer's latest millinery, this hat adds a profile flattering curve that compliments both face and coiffure.



Sculptured crown and softly curved brim of the graceful cinnamon red felt creation recently shown by designer Peg Fischer appeals to CBS actress Doris McWhirt for early autumn wear. High gold braid against antique gold grosgrain gives the ultimate touch in highlighting the molded silhouette.



Modified hourglass cloche of dusty pink felt, introduced by designer Peg Fischer for early fall wear was selected by CBS actress Doris McWhirt. Rising above the head-fitting brim, the crown is tiered in, telescope effect, with bronze-tipped brown ostrich accenting the face-framing brim.



One of the most important problems now confronting workers, is the correct procedure to follow in case of a lay-off. Too many of our people are not checking up with their union, to see that they get all they are entitled to. Many of them depend on office girls at the United States Employment Service for a ruling, and whether right or wrong accept it.

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I don't want to give the impression that these girls are deliberately beating people out of what is rightfully theirs, I do mean to imply, that if the cases called to my attention had been carried out based on their theory, those people would not have received what they had coming. Credit should go to R. Walters who corrected most of the misunderstanding.

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Our people have either got to check on the rules, or ask. They should check if in doubt, or if they are told that they have nothing coming. I am not going to attempt to give you the information, because people will try to twist it around and apply it to their case. I would rather have them get the printed booklet, or have their case checked.

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I have stated, and I repeat, it's unfair to keep manpower regulations without a major change, in view of the plant lay-offs. They have relaxed them on females but at the present the men are at mercy of Management and that isn't healthy.

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The traffic commission says we don't need a light at Washington and E. South Street. They gave us a light on S. Cedar street, where it does clog up traffic. If that makes sense, I'll be a jackass' uncle.

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The election results in England has the big shots worried—labor, they found out—could do a job. Here in the good old U.S.A. we haven't made such progress but we could if we quit allowing ourselves to be used by either party whose only use for us is votes.

* * *

I attended Olofsen's picnic at Pleasant Lake and had a swell time.

Heard that Reo had a swell picnic. They certainly had a break in the weather. A picnic is nice to attend—it's usually the only place you can meet everyone without problems discussed. The families get a chance to meet the families, etc.

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We have a nice bunch of people who are going to serve on OPA panels, but we could use about ten more so how, about it—will you help?

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The resignation of Brother Swanson sure has the boys speculating. I haven't been wearing a hat, so it's kind of hard for me to throw one in.

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Now with so many problems coming up—problems that concern you—you should attend your meetings. Your local now, more than ever, needs your active support.

It's your problem and your Union. Help them both by being active.

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—United Nations Photo

These French prisoners of war are all smiles as they look at their homeland during a stopover on the train trip from Germany to France. Some of them haven't seen France in five years, but this year they were able to help their country celebrate Bastille Day (July 14, France's Fourth of July). Although the celebration, because of food and transport shortages, was somewhat sober, it was the first Bastille Day without Germans since 1939.

AFL Refuses The One Man Street Cars

DETROIT (FP) — The city-owned Detroit transit system may plan to convert its present two-man cars to one-man operation but the members of Div. 26, Amalgamated Street Electric Railway & Motor Coach Employees (AFL), will refuse to operate them. This was unanimously voted by the local July 14. It has the contract with the Dept. of Street Railways.

Their stand was indorsed July 24 by Pres. R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers (CIO), who denounced the proposal as an unsafe and unjustified attempt to create additional unemployment.

The AFL will operate modern one-man cars, it stated, but at increased pay.

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Soviet Labor Is Democratic, Leader Claims

WASHINGTON (FP)—Charges that the Soviet labor movement is undemocratic can be made "only because of a lack of information . . . or by enemies of the labor movement," Chairman Vassili Kuznetsov of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions said here. Kuznetsov and nine other Soviet labor leaders arrived here as guests of the CIO to tour U. S. plants.

Annual Wage Plan Studied

WASHINGTON (FP) — An exhaustive study of the guaranteed annual wage is being undertaken by the federal government through the Office of War

Mobilization & Reconversion Commerce announced. Johnston spoke as chairman of an OWM subcommittee on which labor, industry, agriculture and public members are represented.

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